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THE VIEW FROM THE TOWER

Jeff Osborne, Air Traffic Manager, Napa ATCT

I returned from my excursion through Thailand relatively unscathed. I think the bottom line is that I strongly recommend Thailand as a vacation or retirement destination.

Emily De'Ath is doing really well in training. So well, in fact, that I am getting questions from users and airport personnel asking how her training is going. And people ask why I like the smaller airports better?

On that note, congratulations to EM for receiving her first checkout ever, on Flight Data and Clearance Delivery.

I had a tower modernization and IVSR meeting in December. The basic plan is to have a temporary tower sometime in June. We'll see how that plays out down the road.

Mike Soto is settling in as a Front Line Manager.

The new director for Japan Airlines training came to visit last week. Capt Arai is returning back to Japan before Christmas. I really enjoyed working with Capt Arai and look forward to continuing this relationship.

Didn't the tower look festive with the Christmas, oh sorry, holiday lights? I closed the tower on Christmas Eve and opened on Christmas Day, so I had to leave the milk and cookies.

PROJECT UPDATES

ROADWORK

A section of the parking lot road has been replaced. More roadwork is in the planning stages, dependent on weather. Expect more improvements to the parking lot area in 2008.

LANDSCAPE PROJECTS

The landscape medians on Airport Blvd. will receive much needed TLC from Sonoma Mountain Landscape Co. Refurbishment work will begin in January and progress through 2008.

SPRING PROJECTS

Expect further work on Runway 18R, including the final painting of runway markings and a new electrical run on the west side of the runway.

AIRPORT SAFETY

HANGAR INSPECTIONS

On January 8th and 9th, 2008, Airport Operations staff will conduct the annual winter hangar inspections. A representative from the Fire Marshall's Office will accompany staff. Tenants will be notified of any fire safety issues found in their hangars.

A second hangar inspection takes place each summer.

GATE SAFETY

When approaching a closing gate, please wait for the cycle to be completed, then enter your gate code or use your remote clicker.

Please do not "tailgate" through an open gate, as the gate may close on your car!

If you drive up to a gate and see an unfamiliar vehicle parked beside it waiting for someone else to open it, a good practice is to drive through the gate and stop on the other side of the gate until it closes.

GATE CODES

Your Security Advisory Committee has recommended that all gate codes be changed. This includes the codes on your remote "clicker." We hope to accomplish this in early 2008. Your notification of code changes will be included in your monthly hangar rental billing, prior to the code change. You may also visit Airport Operations to have your gate remote re-programmed.

SECURITY CONCERNS

For unknown or suspicious vehicles and/or persons loitering in unauthorized locations or acting suspiciously, first call local 911. Next, call AOPA's Airport Watch 1866-GA-SECURE.

AIRCRAFT FUELING REGULATIONS

According to the 2001 edition of the California Fire Code, fueling inside aircraft hangars is prohibited. Please pull your aircraft out of your hangar for fueling.

NEW HANGAR PACKETS AVAILABLE

Newly updated hangar information packets are available for our hangar tenants. They will be available at the Napa Airport Pilots' Assoc. meeting on Tuesday, January 15th and in the Airport Office. Packets contain information on aircraft and hangar taxes, fire and other safety guidelines, NO SMOKING and HANGAR REGULATIONS signage and more.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Airport Staff wishes you a Safe and Happy 2008 filled with great flying weather, trouble free aircraft, painless flight physicals, perfect flight reviews and inexpensive AV Gas!

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